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The Honorable Alan L. Cropsey, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
P.O. Box 30036
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The Honorable Mike Pumford, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee
P.O. Box 30014
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Dear Senator Cropsey and Representative Pumford:

Pursuant to Public Act 154 of 2003, Section 224, the Department of Corrections (DOC) is required to provide to the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Corrections, and the Senate and House Fiscal Agencies, a reduction plan to compensate for unfunded employee economics. The Department is, as of this date, unable to provide such a plan, other than one that would incorporate the concessions adopted by the Civil Service Commission for Non-Exclusively Represented Employees on October 9, 2003, which is comprised of banked leave time and unpaid furlough time. As the Office of the State Employer (OSE), acting as the sole negotiator for the State of Michigan, is still negotiating with almost all of the State employee unions for changes in their collective bargaining agreements on employee concessions, no plan can be finalized at this time.

The OSE anticipates that all employees will share in the economic concessions based on negotiated concessions or reduced work schedules. The Department, anticipating OSE negotiated concessions, is not planning any early prisoner release or facility closings necessary to offset unfunded economic increases.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Caruso
Director

cc: Bethany Wicksall, Senate Fiscal Agency
Marilyn Peterson, House Fiscal Agency